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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Lee et al. Confirmation No.: 3472  
Appl. No.: 09/977,895 Group Art Unit: 3622  
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For: METHOD OF PREVENTING REDUCTION OF SALES AMOUNT  
OF RECORDS DUE TO DIGITAL MUSIC FILE ILLEGALLY  
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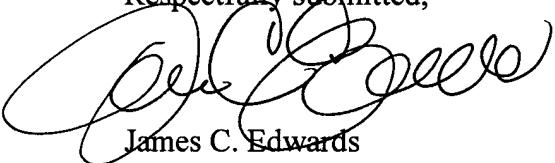
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